

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 3-6 and 9 are amended and claims 7 and 8 are cancelled without prejudice of disclaimer to the subject matter therein. No new matter has been added. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-6 and 9-10 will remain pending in the patent application.

Claim 6 was objected to because of an informality noted in the Office Action. In response, claim 6 is amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 6 are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) based on Sheridan *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,257,312) (hereinafter "Sheridan"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 6 each recite an electronic apparatus comprising, *inter alia*, an elastic member supporting the speaker to the housing, the elastic member being located between the speaker and an inner surface of the first case, and between the speaker and the inner surface of the second case. As indicated by the Examiner on page 4, paragraphs 6-7 of the Office Action, Sheridan does not disclose, teach or suggest these features. Therefore, Sheridan does not disclose, teach or suggest each and every feature recited by claim 1 and, as a result, cannot anticipate claims 1 and 6.

Claims 2-4 are patentable over Sheridan at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1 and for the additional features recited therein.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) based on Sheridan are respectfully requested.

Claims 5 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on Sheridan in view of Jo (U.S. Pat. No. 6,222,725). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 7 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering moot the rejection of claim 7.

Claim 5 is patentable over Sheridan, Jo and a combination thereof at least by virtue of its dependency from claim 1 and for the additional features recited therein. As indicated by the Examiner on page 4, paragraphs 6-7 of the Office Action, neither Sheridan nor Jo discloses, teaches or suggests these features. Therefore, claim 5 is patentable over Sheridan, Jo and a combination thereof.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on Sheridan in view of Jo are respectfully requested.

Claims 8-10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 8 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus rendering moot the objection to claim 8. Claims 9 and 10 depend from amended claim 6, which was indicated as being allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9-10 are allowable.

Applicants have addressed all the Examiner's rejections and objections and respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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